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BOARD OF DENTISTRY MINUTES OF EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 14, 2006

The Hotel Roanoke Roanoke, Virginia

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m.

PRESIDING: Glenn A. Young, D.D.S., Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jacqueline G. Pace, R.D.H.

Darryl J. Pirok, D.D.S.

STAFF PRESENT: Sandra Reen, Executive Director

Howard Casway, Sr. Asst. Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT: James D. Watkins, D.D.S.

Paul N. Zimmet, D.D.S. Jeffrey Levin, D.D.S. Edward P. Snyder, D.D.S.

QUORUM: All three members were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dr. Hunt, the dean of the VCU School of Dentistry, acknowledged

the Board's concern about the changes made to the crown preparations section of the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) examination and asked the Committee to recommend that the Board continue accepting the WREB exam and give WREB one year to restore the clinical testing of crown preparations. Dr. Hunt reported that he was confident that this section would be properly

addressed for the 2008 examination.

Ms. Reen reported that Dr. Wiley from the VCU School of Dentistry

had called and asked her to relay his request that the Board

continue accepting the WREB exam to allow continuity for students. He had advised her that WREB was making the needed changes

but could not get in place for the 2007 examination.

MINUTES: Dr. Young asked if anyone had any additions or corrections to the

minutes of the November 19, 2004 meeting. On a properly seconded motion by Dr. Pirok, the minutes were adopted.

DISCUSSION: Acceptance of WREB Exam - Following discussion about the

status of a national examination and the idea of requiring one

year post doctoral training in lieu of an examination, the

Committee adopted a motion by Dr. Pirok to recommend that the Board notify WREB that crown preparation is an important clinical skill area to be tested and that unless the clinical test for crown preparations is restored for the 2008 WREB exam the Board will stop accepting WREB effective January 1, 2008.

Law Exam – Ms. Reen reported that in 2004 the Board asked her to obtain a contract for providing a dental law exam that might be used with respondents and also be available to licensees interested in testing their knowledge for which the Board might grant continuing education. She provided copies of the request for proposals that was just issued to obtain a testing contractor to develop and administer the test. She advised that the request is for one examination appropriate for both dentists and dental hygienists that can be taken from any location online. She went over the contract manager's timeline, indicating that the goal is to have the Committee review proposals in November so the Board might act on a contract at its December 8, 2006 meeting. She also reported the contract manager's concerns about cheating if the test is available online. The Committee acknowledged the concern then instructed Ms. Reen to proceed as planned. She was advised that the DMV and the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries have online testing that might provide guidance for getting the law exam in place.

ADJOURNMENT

With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Glenn A. Young, D.D.S., Chair	Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director
Date	Date